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NEVADA'S POLITICAL MOUNTBANK.

TRUE to his nature, A. B. Gray, pseudo Democrat and office-holder for the pelf that he may garner from holding an office, is an exorcism on the party that has the misfortune to act as sponsor for his doings. Holding the position of United States marshal for the district of Nevada, the incumbent does not know enough to behave himself in the company of gentleman and hurls anathema as a parting benediction to the departing lawmakers who have enjoyed the hospitality of all Carson City in his penny weakly. Carson City may not be as progressive as some other burghs but no one ever dared question the spirit of generosity found in the homes of the people of the capital of the battleborn state. The only blot on its fair name is the fact that it is the whilom home of a creature who has sought the shelter of every political party born in the course of his career with the selfish object of making the most of his opportunity. It was a matter of time only when his meretricious nature betrayed itself and he was cast into outer darkness. When "Blood to the Bridles Waite" was elected governor of Colorado, Gray trailed after the feeble-minded and irascible old executive until he succeeded in landing an office to which he clung until the waning fortunes of Populism sank beneath the waves of an aroused electorate. Then he ran the gamut of every other political cause until he was induced to leave the state where he had fattened at the public crib and he followed the setting sun and his brethren from the Rocky Mountains until he gained a foothold in Nevada where he has thrived on the fleshpots of a credulous party until he finally succeeded in landing a prize that was denied self-respecting Democrats. He was his own publicist and one who never lost an opportunity for annexing himself as a party lickspittle, trafficking in favors and toadying to human frailties until he edged closer to the great sachems who needed such an auxiliary to flatter their vanity. He was the persistent parasite who could only be shaken off a personal payroll by landing him in a government job. This unfortunately happened to be the position he now discredits to the sorrow of the party on whose pinions he rose into power. Gray's aptitude for betraying his friends and party was conspicuously noticed during the first term of President Wilson, when he essayed the congenial role of knocking a fellow Democrat by denouncing him to the appointive powers at Washington. We heard him make a speech against a fellow Democrat which would have put him out of the running forever in any other state, and then we heard him repudiate the calumny with all the impressiveness of a modern Ananias. When taken to task for his odious slanders he vowed that he never said a word that could be taken as a reflection on the character of the man whose aspirations he tried to destroy and it is known to scores of men in this state that the denial was hurled in his teeth and he was denounced in public as a past master of mendacity. When confronted with these statements and the proofs of his perfidy he indulged in a snivelling apology and was permitted to resume his strutting with a little brief authority that, fortunately, is rapidly approaching a timely end. The administration should see to it that this spoilsman is sidetracked for the good of his party and the place given to a DEMOCRAT.

The dirty valedictory of this term-serving hanger-on is on a par with his mental attainments. The members of the legislature realize the truth of the adage that politics make strange bedfellows and will be thankful that they are removed from contact with this unwholesome thing when their legislative duties expire and they are able to return to their homes. So far as the Nye county delegation is concerned the members have acquitted themselves with honor and dignity and their constituents will feel proud of their return and the opportunity to grasp them by the hand and tell them that they did nobly in spite of the carping criticism of this ill-mannered time server in the ranks of the federal civil list. Ben Luce, the representative from Nye county, will be especially grateful for a chance to breathe the pure air of the desert without having it defiled by the presence of one who demanded as the price of his friendship that he should be shown the list of committee appointments with the privilege of censoring the same before they should be announced to the assembly. Luce was not that kind of a man and his refusal to accept orders from the administration representative caused the latter to vent his venom for the remainder of the session. Others have had a similar experience and it is not surprising that the parting shot launched at the departing lawmakers should be in line with the obnoxious meddling of an outcast from his own party.

THE DAY WE CELEBRATE.

IT IS superfluous to remind the readers of the Bonanza that this is the day that is celebrated all around the globe by the Irishman and his descendants as the day of all days. Volumes have been written testifying to the noble qualities of the Irish race, but it is doubtful if ever there was conceived a more brilliant apostrophe than the following extract from a speech by Robert L. Taylor, governor of Tennessee in an address on "Irish Heroism":

"If I were a sculptor, I would chisel from the marble my idea of a hero. I would make it the figure of an Irishman sacrificing his hopes and his life upon the altar of his country, and I would carve upon its pedestal the name of Robert Emmet."

"If I were a painter I would make my canvas eloquent with the deeds of the bravest people who ever lived, whose proud spirit no power can conquer, and whose loyalty and devotion to the hopes of free government no tyrant can ever crush, and I would write under the picture 'Ireland.'"

"If I were a poet I would melt the world to tears with the pathos of my song. I would touch the harp of humanity with the mournful threnody of Ireland's wrongs and Erin's woes."

"I would weave the shamrock and the rose into garlands of glory for the Emerald Isle, the land of martyrs and memories, the cradle of heroes, the nursery of liberty."

"Tortured in dungeons and murdered on scaffolds, robbed of

the fruit of their sweat and toil, scourged by famine and plundered by avarice of heartless power; driven like the leaves of autumn before the keen winter's winds, this sturdy race of Erin's sons and daughters have scattered over the face of the earth, homeless only in the land of their nativity, but princes and lords in every other lands where merit is the measure of the man."

The latest designation for the minor mosquito fleet to defend our shores from raids of submarines is the jitney boat, built of wood and powered with inner combustion engines that enable them to ride all round an enemy. It is estimated that at least ten thousand of these will be wanted before the titanic battle cruisers which cannot be ready for the next three years.

I'm sick and tired of arbitration," remarked W. G. Lee, chairman of the Brotherhood of Trainmen when asked to refer the railroad dispute to the Goethals commissions. It may be remembered that one, Mr. Vanderbilt, said something akin and that His Imperial Highness, the czar of all the Russias, employed the same sentiments. The people will triumph. It may be a long lane, but the turn will come.

REGENERATED RUSSIA WILL BE A GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Mar. 17.—From an authority closely in touch with Russian official conditions, it is understood that the correspondent at Copenhagen that the revolution originated rather with the progressive members of the duma rather than with the people. This probably was because the progressives were convinced that the hated minister of the interior, Protopopoff, was about to make himself dictator and thus the last hope of regulating the food-stuffs and carrying out other reforms in the way desired by the progressives would disappear.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Mar. 16.—Addressing thousands of soldiers and civilians from the galleries of the lobby of the Duma, Deputy Kerenski, the new Russian minister of justice, says a Reuters dispatch from Petrograd dated yesterday, announced that the provisional government took office by virtue of an agreement with workmen's and soldiers' delegates. The council of these delegates approved the agreement by several hundred votes to 15. The first act of the new government, M. Kerenski declared, has been the immediate publication of a decree of full amnesty. Continuing, the dispatch adds, the minister of justice said: "Our comrades of the second and fourth dumas who were banished illegally to the tundras of Siberia will be released forthwith. In my jurisdiction are all the premiers and ministers of the old regime. They will answer before the law for all crimes against the people. 'Show them no mercy,' many voices in the crowd exclaimed. 'Comrades,' added M. Kerenski, 'regenerated Russia will not have recourse to the shameful methods utilized by the old regime. Without trial none will be condemned. All

prisoners will be tried in open court.

"Comrades, soldiers, citizens, all measures taken by the new government will be public. Soldiers, I ask you to co-operate. Free Russia now is born and none will succeed in wresting liberty from the hands of the people. Do not listen to the promptings of the agents of the old regime. Listen to your officers. Long live free Russia."

The speech was greeted by a storm of cheering.

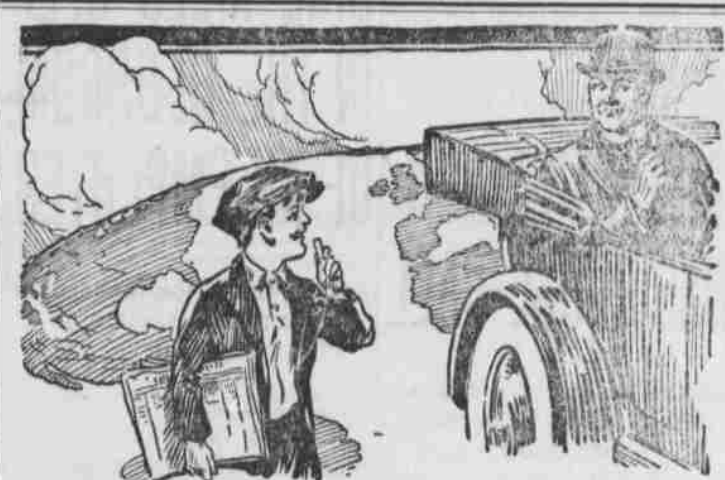
The labor leader, Chkheldzof, addressing officers and soldiers, paid a glowing tribute to the soldiers and workmen who had participated in accomplishing the revolution. He recounted, the dispatch said, the recent provocative efforts by the secret police in publishing proclamations regarding the murders of officers by soldiers. He exhorted the soldiers to regard their officers as citizens who helped raised the revolutionary flag and as brothers in the great cause of Russian liberty.

Willing to Bear It.
 "Well, dearest, I have just asked your father for your hand."
 "What did he say?"
 "He asked me if I felt capable of assuming a heavy burden."
 "And what did you tell him?"
 "I told him I would take care of all he would give us."—Boston Transcript.

No Material Handy.
 "Mrs. Comeup, can't you give us just a little resume of your travels?"
 "I'm awful sorry, but all our boxes of souvenirs ain't come home yet."—Baltimore American.

A Favorite Motto.
 Blobs—"Put Yourself In His Place" is a good motto. Slobs—"Yes, it is the favorite motto of the office seeker."—Philadelphia Record.

Sharp wits, like sharp knives, do often cut their owners' fingers.—Arrow-smith.



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